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Dear Paul,

Your notes of the 30 and 1 have come, with the enclosed material.

My response is perforce brief because there is a sudden time emergency on FRAMUP and I've not even gotten all the proofs back yet, and because I have an awkward shoulder curvitis that requires time-consuming treatments, each meaning a trip to Washington and an accompanied prohibition against any jarring or even repetitive motions, which I must ignore, presumably delaying recovery.

I will spend little time on your puerile defenses of your melonry. I note it is inadequate to say "so there" as proof you did not lie when, I repeat, you did -and this is so unlike you. You did fish around when your first tests proved the opposite of your preconception. You abandoned the closer-to-real gelatin when it proved the opposite of what you see determined to "prove". How many physicists you consult is meaningless, for you consult the wrong experts. I repeat my categorization of flatOworld science. It remains apt and not really even challenged, as I do the out-of-context work that, were it in any way faithful, would be without scientific merit and meaning because it is out of any context at all. You confirm that none of you has made an adequate study of Zapruder, astoundingly enough, not even the great Alvarez. Incredible! You have put yourself in the position of defending the imputed history of 399 and I defy you to get a single person to whom you have sent your work to submit himself to a contrary interpretation. I did not suggest a second shot forced the body to the left. I said no more than that the leftward motion could not be attributed to the energy that sent it backward. The separation is more than two frames, by much, as you'd know if you had done your homework. But give me, pray, from your arcane physics, an explanation of how such a powerful force could be so long delayed in exerting itself in the second direction, left. In your comment on my two-page response to your one page, there is no refutation of anything I said. Except "so there". You evade and you must at some point face this with yourself, if not with others. I would be willing to get even less sleep if there were any indication you pay the slightest attention to anything, of which the foregoing is adequate example....I don't think I asked you for the Archives letter saying they did not have the Harper picture. The opposite, for the one saying they do have it. They told me they do not and so wrote Howard...CBS said on their show that life would not let them have Z, so Alvarez didn't see it that way, of Wycoff, either...Leak of Howard's stuff: my file of panel letters, which it seems you saw and there is so long a record of my telling you I wanted you to make no distribution of anything from me unless I specified it, particularly not to Lifton....Preparations for suits: fine, esp. on Vallee material, FBOC, Quiraga, Butler, etc....Ferrie draft was sent you, Jim says...The man with the tape didn't get here and I've not heard from him since he left DC. It seems a bit mysterious. His interview with Bringuier was on it...I'm getting NBC's Army Intelligence transcript, if you want to borrow and copy...I intended my reference to what can be seen in Z to be no more than a caution I felt I owed you but under the circumstances an not not detailing. Hurriedly,